Reimbursement of Salaries of Car Drivers of Officers of Banks

1998. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether officers of certain nationalised banks who have engaged their personal drivers for the cars provided to them by banks are reimbursed their salaries by the banks;

(b) if so, what are the names of the banks which follow this practice;

(c) the extent to which the reimbursement is made; and

(d) whether during the pendency of employment with the banks these persons are treated as employees of the banks and enjoy all rights as other employees of the banks, if not, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (d) Indian Banks' Association has reported that Top Executives and Senior Management Grade Officers of banks who are provided with bank's car for official use and are also permitted to use these cars for personal purposes on payment, are reimbursed the salaries of the drivers engaged by them if the bank has not provided official driver alongwith the Car. This facility is available in almost all Nationalised banks. The reimbursement of the salaries is to the extent of the salary paid by the Executive/Officer to the driver engaged by him within certain ceilings and varies from bank to bank and place to place. The personal drivers engaged by the Executives/Officers are not bank employees and therefore are not entitled to rights/privileges available to regular bank employees.

Cheating of the depositors by the Central Bank of India Benz Circle Branch, Vijayawada

1999. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the depositors of Central Bank of India, Benz Circle Branch, Vijayawada are being cheated by the Bank;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to investigate into the mysterious disappearance of money of the depositros; and

(c) whether the investigations have yielded any fruitful results?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) Central Bank of India has reported that two cases of fraudulent withdrawal have taken place at its Benz Circle Branch, Vijayawada during November, 1989 to January, 1990.

(b) and (c) On receipt of complaints from the account-holders, the bank has since re-imbursed the amount to the account-holders. In connection with this case, one clerk has been placed under suspension with effect from 31-1-1990. FIR has also been lodged with the Police.

Prices of Flue Cured Virginia Tobacco

2000. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) how much quantity of last year's surplus flue cured virginia tobacco is estimated to be lying with the tobacco growers:

(b) how much quantity of flue cured virginia tobacco is estimated to arrive in the market during this year;

(c) whether it is a fact that the tobacco growers fear not only a glut but also a steep fall in the prices of tobacco;

(d) how much stock does the tobacco growers' union hold; and

(e) what steps Government have initiated to solve the marketing problems faced by the tobacco growers?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU):(a) None, Sir.

(b) Production of FCV tobacco in Karnataka was 15.37 M. kgs. In A.P.